consideration in the appointment of a guardian. At present, there is no general law of adoption in the country. The Government is examining as to whether a general law of adoption may be enacted.

There is no proposal for imparting an training to judicial officers for dealing with the subject.

Visit of Taiwanese Delegation

*372. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a huge Taiwanese business delegation from construction industry visited India in October 2.9.2005;

(b) whether delegation has also attended a workshop organized by the local construction companies;

(c) whether the discussion was held at the corporate level;

(d) if so, whether any concrete agreement between the two countries has been signed during the visit;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) to what extent both would be able to improve construction work?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Sir, a 14 member Taiwanese business delegation from the construction industry visited Mumbai and New Delhi from October 2.9.2005;

(b) Two business workshops were organized by the Taipei World Trade Centre Laison Office in India (Mumbai Branch) in Mumbai and in New Delhi, during which the Taiwanese delegation interacted with local construction companies.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Following the opening up of the infrastructure and construction

sector in India and the recent decision of the Government of India to permit foreign direct investment in this sector, there is initial interest in the Taiwanese construction industry to explore their participation in projects related to this sector in India. This visit by Taiwanese construction delegation was an exploratory visit to that end.

Projects submitted to the DONER

*373. SHRI LALHMING LIANA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN be pleased to state:

(a) The number of the projects submitted to his Ministry during 2004-05 and 2005-06; and

(b) the details of the projects sanctioned during the said period and those pending, State wise?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI PR. KYNDIAH): (a) The number of projects submitted under Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) Scheme in the form of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) by the State Governments:

During 2004-05 - 76

During 2005-06 - 82

The number of projects submitted under North Eastern Council (NEC) Schemes in the form of Standing Finance Committee (SFC) and Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) proposals:

During 2004-05 - 63

During 2005-06 - 7

(b) The number of projects sanctioned under NLCPR (Details at Annexure) [See Appendix 206 Annexure No. 13]

During 2004-05 - 84

During 2005-06 - 63

The number of projects sanctioned under NEC Schemes (Details at Annexure) [See Appendix 206 Annexure No. 13]

During 2004-05 - 21

During 2005-06 - 21